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WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT BRANDS ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS AS 'DISGRACE'

BONN, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The West German Parliament today went unanimously on record in condemnation of anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany as a "disgrace" to the German nation. Government and opposition members supported a declaration read in Bundestag by Prof. Carlo Schmid, Acting President of the Lower House, stating that "it is a disgrace" that such incidents could take place now in Germany.

The disgrace, Prof. Schmid declared, was not diminished by the fact that similar incidents have taken place in other countries. "We, Germans, do not have the right to point our finger at others," he said. "In Germany under the sign of the swastika, six million Jews were murdered. Therefore, what happens here is more disgraceful than elsewhere.

"If these young people who some people say are responsible could realize the harm they are doing to their country, perhaps they would think twice," he continued. "These new incidents have brought back on Germany all the accusations of evil which we have had to endure in the past. The Federal Republic is being smeared in the eyes of the world."

(The American Jewish Committee issued a statement saying that it was "gravely disappointed and deeply concerned" that neither the West German Government nor the Bundestag had proposed any positive, long range plan to deal with education for democracy. "While we welcome this statement by Vice President Schmid in the Bundestag for its condemnation of anti-Semitic vandalism, it is clear that condemnation and indignation do not suffice," the AJC statement said.)

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Cabinet meanwhile took a position today that Communists have had a greater role than neo-Nazis in the wave of anti-Semitic incidents. The Cabinet met to consider the outbreaks.

West German Minister of Interior Gerhard Schroeder declared today that no evidence of ties with world Communism was found in an investigation of the Christmas Eve desecration of the Cologne synagogue "but nevertheless there is a Communist background" to the spate of anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany "which must be investigated."

Bonn Government to Issue 'White Book' on the Anti-Semitic Incidents

The Minister said that the Cologne synagogue smearing, which touched off a wave of similar incidents in the Federal Republic and throughout the world, was the only one which might have political implications. The Bonn Government would issue a "White Book" on the excesses, he announced.

Dr. Theodor Oberlander, West German Minister for Refugees who is under fire for alleged participation in war crimes, will resign his post as soon as an inquiry into one of the charges is completed, the usually well-informed West German newspaper, Die Welt, reported today.

Die Welt said he would resign regardless of the findings of a committee of former resistance fighters, now sitting in The Hague. The committee is investigating a charge that the West German Cabinet Minister took part in the 1942 massacre of the Jews of Lemberg in what was then Nazi-occupied Poland. He has denied the charge.

Meanwhile, it was reported today that the Jewish community in Amberg in Bavaria yesterday revealed an attempt was made last Wednesday to fire its synagogue. The announcement was withheld for a week because Amberg Jewish leaders felt the publicity would encourage similar incidents elsewhere. The blaze, in the arson attempt, which was carefully planned, was put out before it could do any damage.

From Munich it was reported that Richard Bugdalle, former block leader of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, was sentenced today to life imprisonment for the murder of nine camp prisoners and complicity in the murder of nine others. He was found guilty after a trial which was surprisingly brief. The hearings, which had been expected to last for three weeks, ended in three days.

In final testimony today, witnesses said that in the summer of 1940, Bugdalle locked fourteen prisoners into a room closet and turned a cold water hose on them until they were dead. Other witnesses testified that Bugdalle trampled a Jewish opera singer to death.

WEST GERMANY ANNOUNCES PLANS TO BUY MORE MUNITIONS FROM ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The West German Defense Ministry today said it planned to buy additional munitions for its army from Israel.

It was indicated a new contract would be signed soon with Israel for delivery of 170,000 mortar shells. Israel munitions have been selected for purchase because of fast delivery, good quality and advantageous prices, the ministry said.

It was also announced that the West German Army has designated the Israel Uzzi sub-machinegun as its standard weapon in that category.

Knesset Rejects Motions to Cancel Israel Arms Deal with Germany

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today told the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, that one of Israel's services "which has the means to find out" had been ordered to try to discover whether a single organization was behind the anti-Semitic outbreaks in 25 countries of three continents. He was understood to refer to Israel's Intelligence Service.

The Prime Minister replied to separate Communist and right-wing Herut motions that the Israel-West German arms agreement be canceled because of the incidents. A Knesset majority rejected the motion. Mapam and Achdut Avodah, the two left-wing parties, abstained from the vote in line with their adamant opposition to any arms deals with West Germany.

Despite recent events, the Prime Minister declared, he was not ready to retract "a single word" of what he had said about Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and West Germany six months ago in the debate which followed disclosure of Israel's sale of mortars to the Bonn Government. He said that while there were Nazis, "many in important posts, the Germany of today is not Hitler's Germany."

"There have been anti-Semitic occurrences and Jewry would be short-sighted if it did not view this with utmost seriousness," the Prime Minister said today. "However, I reject expressions like 'nation of murderers' in reference to the present German nation because such expressions are racist. Every man and regime should be judged according to its own acts."

U.S. CHARGED BY EDEN WITH PREVENTING PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF SUEZ ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Former British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden today accused the United States of preventing the peaceful solution of the 1956 Suez Canal crisis.

The former British leader made the charges in the first installment of his copyrighted "Memoirs," published in the February issue of McCall's magazine. He accused the Eisenhower Administration of:

1. Subordinating America's Middle East responsibilities to the Administration's primary concern with winning the 1956 national elections.
2. Failing to appreciate the international implications of the Suez Canal seizure by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser.
3. Scuttling allied attempts to pressure Nasser by economic means to reopen the canal for international use.

The U.S. actions and statements, the British statesman asserted, gave Nasser the "trump cards." They allowed him to continue confidently to defy allied pressure, Sir Anthony said, because the U.S. had taken the "teeth" out of such pressures.

Because of State Department policies, Nasser was also encouraged to step up Egyptian threats and "fedayeen" border raids against Israel, Sir Anthony said. Israel's response--invasion of the Sinai desert--was "necessary," he stressed. He attacked the U.S. for moving quickly in the United Nations to brand Israel the aggressor.

If Israel had not acted, he commented, it might not "be a free nation today." And he added: "The marked victim of the garrotter is not to be condemned if he strikes out before the noose is round his throat."

Clearing up a matter of much historical speculation, Sir Anthony said the allies carefully planned how they would react if Israel attacked Egypt. But, he contended in McCall's, they were neither informed by, nor coordinated military strategy with, Israel in advance.

The situation had become so "terrible," he said, that there was even the possibility that Britain would be allied in such a war with Nasser and the Soviet Union against France and Israel. For Britain had a treaty obligation to defend Jordan in the event that nation was attacked, he explained. Since many "fedayeen" raids originated in Jordan, he said, there was a distinct possibility Israel might invade the neighboring Arab nation.

The Allies did not consult the U.S. before invading the Suez area, Sir Anthony admitted. But, he explained, the invasion could only have been effective if launched immediately, and the allies did not have time for another round of discussions with the U.S. But "the course of the Suez Canal crisis was decided by the American attitude to it," he added.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OPENS CONFERENCE ON INTERGROUP RELATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A three-day conference on intergroup relations opened here today at the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations, marking the dedication of the Institute. The parley is part of a seven-day series of conferences and seminars at the Institute on every phase of prejudice, discrimination and intergroup relations.

Participants in the conference, which is arranged by the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, reported that a "new look" is emerging in dealing with intergroup tensions resulting from profound population shifts in the United States. Legislative activity and city-wide educational programs are giving way to the neighborhood organizational approach, particularly where residential segregation is involved.

They predicted that future private and governmental intergroup relations efforts should "shift increasingly from legislative activity and city-wide educational programs to neighborhood organization--especially where residential desegregation has occurred." The group stated that "the intergroup relations situation throughout the nation" reflects the attitude of the American people on this problem.

The intergroup officials pointed out that this "new look" in their work is already apparent "in the programs of municipal intergroup relations agencies in New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Philadelphia."

NEW YORK GROUPS MEET TODAY ON NEW STATE LAWS CURBING HATE LITERATURE

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A conference called by New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz will be held here tomorrow to determine whether new state laws are needed to deal with hate literature.

In announcing that 11 civic and religious groups had been invited to participate, Mr. Lefkowitz indicated he was considering a state crackdown on such literature after investigations indicated that the current epidemic of anti-Semitic incidents was touched off at least partly by a stream of hate material published and distributed by neo-Nazi groups and the United Arab Republic propaganda ministry.

The New York City Council adopted a resolution yesterday calling on the police to mobilize all possible security forces to protect houses of worship in the city. The resolution, which is simply an expression of opinion and does not have any force of law, was aimed at persons committing "Nazi-like desecration and defilement."

The proposal would direct Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy to draw on police cadets, auxiliaries or any other units volunteering to augment the 23,000 regular police in setting up guards for the city's 3,364 churches and synagogues. During the debate, Minority Leader Stanley Isaacs termed "hysteria" the order of City Magistrate Milton Solomon that a charge of treason be placed under state law against three Queens youths arrested on charges of swastika daubing.

J. D. C. ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN ITS WELFARE PROGRAM FOR AGED IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A limited number of aged men and women who arrived in Israel before 1948 will be accepted in the homes and institutions of Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to the Jewish State, it was announced today by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman. The change in policy applies only where there is bed space or housing accommodation available. To be admitted, aged persons must be referred to Malben by governmental agencies, with the government agreeing to reimburse Malben for maintenance costs.

Mr. Leavitt pointed out that the new policy was made possible because of Malben's success in providing care and assistance for aged men and women who arrived in Israel after 1948. He indicated that the waiting list for Malben care, which only a short time ago numbered several thousand, has been virtually eliminated. He pointed out that JDC's estimated 1960 budget for its work in Israel, including Malben, totaled more than \$11,500,000, some 40 percent of the agency's over-all budget.

Mr. Leavitt hailed the new policy as a "notable first step." "The day is still some distance in the future," he said, "when all of Israel's aged can be cared for by Malben or any similar organization. Malben was set up to cope with the massive problems created by the immigration to Israel--along with hundreds of thousands of others--of thousands of aged, ill and physically handicapped men and women.

"We have recognized for some time that this has created certain inequities in Israel, providing as it does, different levels of care for newcomers, as contrasted with 'old settlers.' Now that we have begun to solve the problem of providing care for the newcomers, we are happy to cooperate with the Israel Government in providing assistance to Israel's veteran community."

A major factor in making bed space available, Mr. Leavitt indicated, was Malben's new program of extra-mural care for the aged, under which the aged receive housing, cash grants, out-patient care and other services to enable them to live independently in the communities.

JEWISH AGENCY IN NEW YORK MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS; SELLS OLD BUILDING

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Israel, which occupied two brownstone buildings on East 66th Street, today moved to new quarters at 515 Park Avenue, it was announced by Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the Agency.

Mr. Hammer revealed that, in addition to the Jewish Agency and the United Jewish Appeal, the American Zionist Council, the Zionist Archives and Library and the Theodor Herzl Institute, will also be located in the new building. The latter three organizations currently occupy rented space. A committee of real estate experts, headed by William Kaufman, had found that the purchase of a building would be more economical than renting space for all organizations concerned.

Mr. Hammer stressed that the purchase of the building as well as the costs of remodeling it were fully covered by the sale of the old premises plus a mortgage, and therefore did not involve the use of current funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal. The Jewish Agency is the Appeal's major beneficiary.

ZARCHIN'S DESALINATION TOO COSTLY FOR ISRAEL, EXPERT SAYS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Alexander Zarchin's new process for desalination of water, which is being tested at a pilot plant in Israel by engineers of Fairbanks-Whitney Co., an American firm, "cannot solve Israel's water problems because of the high costs involved," A. Wiener, director of the National Water Authority, declared here today.

According to Mr. Wiener, the Zarchin method for turning salt water into fresh water will cost about 10 cents per cubic meter. At present, Mr. Wiener declared, the average cost of fresh water brought from natural sources in this country is one and a half to two cents per cubic meter.

Mr. Wiener added, however, that the Zarchin process may provide an important solution to the fresh water problem in remote and isolated areas, like Israel's southern port of Eilat, or on islands where there is no fresh water available.

PROF. YADIN ANNOUNCES ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY ON 'SOLOMON'S STABLES'

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- An important archaeological discovery which seems to establish, among other things, that the famous, so-called "Solomon's Stables," at biblical Megiddo, were not built by King Solomon but were constructed about 100 years later by the Judean King Ahab, was announced here today by Prof. Yigael Yadin, the Israeli archaeologist who was first Chief of Staff of the Israel Army.

Ancient Megiddo City, a Canaanite center dating back to about 3500 B. C. E., was one of King Solomon's 12 administrative headquarters. About 30 years ago, archaeologists from the University of Chicago dug up at Megiddo a series of stables for horses and chariots, discovering the so-called "Solomon's Stables." Nearby, there were found the remains of a fortress dating back to Solomon's time, with a wall which appeared to be from the same period. Under the wall, however, another fortress was discovered, also built in the architectural style of the period of King Solomon.

For the past three decades, scholars were puzzled as to why Solomon would have built the wall over a fortress. Now, according to Dr. Yadin, new excavations have established that the wall as well as the stables were not built in Solomon's days, but a century later in the time of King Ahab. The new discovery, it was said by experts here, will necessitate important re-evaluations of archaeological finds dating from the Solomonic era.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION GIVES \$200,000 TO BOYS TOWN IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Boys Town Jerusalem, an academic and vocational center located in the Bayit Vegan suburb of Jerusalem, has received a gift of \$200,000 from the Winfield Baird Foundation, it was announced here by Ira Gullden, president of the vocational center. The gift, which had been made through David G. Baird of New York, opened an expansion fund drive by the center, which serves 220 boys from 23 countries.

BOSTON JEWISH LEADER MAKES \$50,000 GIFT TO HEBREW TEACHERS COLLEGE

BROOKLINE, Mass., Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Abraham Goodman, active in the Boston Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, has contributed \$50,000 to the Hebrew Teachers College, here, it was announced today. The College, founded in 1921, and supported by the Associated Jewish Philanthropies through the CJA campaign, is a member of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Goodman gift is one of the largest in the Hebrew Teachers College history.

SEMINAR ON JEWISH STUDIES OPENED FOR STUDENTS OF 30 AMERICAN LANDS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A three-week seminar on Jewish studies, attended by 60 students from seven South American countries, opened in Cordoba yesterday. The seminar, the first of its kind to be held in South America, was organized by the World Jewish Congress. Jewish university professors from Argentina, Uruguay and Israel are teaching the group. Financial aid for the seminar was contributed by the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.